

## OPTIONAL SUMMER READING LIST

### LAW STUDENT FAVORITES

Gideon's Trumpet, Anthony Lewis, (reissue ed., Vintage 1989)

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee, (reissue ed., Warner 1988)

The Moral Compass of the American Lawyer: Truth, Justice, Power, and Greed, Richard A. Zitrin & Carol A. Langford, (Ballantine 1999)

The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution, Linda Monk, (Hyperion, 2003)

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change, Stephen R. Covey, (repr. ed., Fireside 1990)

### GETTING READY FOR LAW SCHOOL

Acing Your First Year of Law School, Shana Connell Noyes & Henry Noyes, (Fred B. Rothman Publications 1999)

Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School, Ruta Stropus & Charlotte Taylor, (Carolina Academic Press 2001)

Guerrilla Tactics for Law School Academic Success, Sandra Ware, (Law Student Success Publishing 2003)

How to Succeed in Law School, Professor Gary Munneke, (Barron's 2001)

Law School Confidential: A Complete Guide to the Law School Experience, Robert H. Miller, (St. Martin's Press, 2000)

Law School for Dummies, Rebecca Greene, (Wiley Publishing 2003)

Law School Without Fear: Strategies for Success, Marshall Shapo & Helene S. Shapo, (Foundation, 2002)

Planet Law School II, Atticus Falcon, JD, (The Themis Institute 2003)

Slaying the Law School Dragon, George Roth, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc 1992)

Starting Off Right in Law School, Carolyn Nygren, (Carolina Academic Press 1997)

Succeeding in Law School, Herb Ramy, (Carolina Academic Press, 2006)

The Complete Law School Companion, Jeff Deaver, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc 1992)

The Law School Companion, Paul Lisnek, Steven Friedland & Chris Salamone, (Random House 1995)

1000 Days to the Bar – But the Practice of Law Begins Now: How to achieve your personal best in law school, Dennis Tonsing, (William S. Hein & Company, 2003)

## **WRITING, GRAMMAR, AND LEGAL TERMINOLOGY**

Written expression and familiarity with legal style is a critical element of the law school curriculum. It is important to refine your grammar and to become familiar with legal terminology.

Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation, Lynne Truss, (Gotham, 2004).

This book has been suggested to law students by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Be sure and get the "American" vs. the "British" edition!

Good Grief Good Grammar: The Business Person's Guide to Grammar and Usage, Dianna Booher, (Ballantine Books, 1989)

Guide to Legal Writing Style, Terri LeClercq, (2nd ed., Panel Publishing 2000)

Plain English for Lawyers, Richard C. Wydick, (4th ed. Carolina Academic Press 1998)

Rules for Writers, Diana Hacker, (Bedford, St. Martins, 2004)

Online writing exercises at [www.dianahacker.com/rules/](http://www.dianahacker.com/rules/) and [www.bedfordstmartins.com/hacker/rules/](http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/hacker/rules/)

Style: Ten Lessons in Clarity and Grace, Joseph M. Williams, (6th ed. Addison-Wesley 1999)

The Elements of Style, William Strunk, Jr. & E.B. White, (4th ed., Allyn & Bacon 1999)

The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style, Bryan A. Garner, Jeff Newman, Tiger Jackson, (West Group, 2002)

Woe is I: The Grammarphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English, Patricia T. O'Connor, (Grosset/Putnam 1996)

## **THE LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

Getting to Maybe: How to Excel on Law School Exams, Richard Michael Fischl & Jeremy Paul, (Carolina Academic Press, 1999).

Letters from Law School: The Life of a Second-Year Law Student, Lawrence Dieker, Jr, (Writers Club Press 2000)

One L: The Turbulent True Story of a First Year at Harvard Law School, Scott Turow, (Warner 1997)

The Law Student's Pocket Mentor: From Surviving to Thriving, Ann L. Iijima, (Aspen Publishers, 2007)

## **FICTION**

Anatomy of a Murder, Robert Traver, (25th anniv. ed., St. Martin's 1983)

Bleak House, Charles Dickens, (various editions available)

Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison, (Random House 1947; 2d ed. Vintage 1995)

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, John Berendt, (ppbk. ed. Vintage 1999)

The Fall of a Sparrow, Robert Hellenga, (Scribner 1999)

The Floating Opera, John Barth, (reissue ed., Anchor/Doubleday 1988)

The Sweet Hereafter, Russell Banks, (repr. ed., Harperperennial Libr. 1992)

The Verdict, Barry Reed, (repr. ed., St. Martins Mass Market Paperback 1992)

Various books by John Grisham

## **LEGAL BIOGRAPHY**

Abe Fortas: A Biography, Laura Kalman, (repr. ed., Yale Univ. Press 1992)

A Defiant Life: Thurgood Marshall and the Persistence of Racism in America, Howard Ball, (Crown 1999)

America's First Woman Lawyer: The Biography of Myra Bradwell, Jane M. Friedman, (Prometheus 1993)

Clarence Darrow, the Journeyman, Mike Papantonio, (Seville 1997)

Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Words of Wisdom from Multicultural Women Attorneys Who've Been There and Done That, Karen Clanton, (ABA Publishing 2000)

Equal Justice Under Law: An Autobiography, Constance Baker Motley, (pprbk. ed., Farrar Strauss & Giroux 1999)

Learned Hand: The Man and the Judge, Gerald Gunther, (repr. ed., Belknap 1995)

Rights on Trial: Odyssey of a People's Lawyer, Arthur Kinoy, (Brunner/Mazel 1994)

The Good Black: A True Story of Race in America, Paul M. Barrett, (Dutton 1999)

The World of Benjamin Cardozo: Personal Values and the Judicial Process, Richard Polenberg, (repr. ed., Harvard Univ. Press 1999)

## **ACCOUNTS OF NOTABLE CASES**

A Civil Action, Jonathan Harr, (repr. ed., Vintage 1996)

Contempt of Court : The Turn Of The Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism, Mark Curriden & Leroy Phillips, Jr., (Faber & Faber 1999)

Circumstantial Evidence, Pete Earley, (reissue ed., Bantam 1996)

Deliberate Intent: A Lawyer Tells the True Story of Murder by the Book, Rodney A. Smolla, (Crown 1999)

Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe v. Wade, David J. Garrow, (upd. ed., Univ. of California Press 1998)

McLibel: Burger Culture on Trial, John Vidal, (New Press 1998)

Mutiny on the Amistad, Howard Jones, (reissue ed., Oxford Univ. Press 1997)

Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's Struggle for Equality, Richard Kluger, (Random House 1977)

Slavery, Law and Politics: The Dred Scott Case in Historical Perspective, Don Edward Fehrenbacher, (Oxford Univ. Press 1981)

Summer for the Gods : The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate over Science and Religion, Edward J. Larson, (repr. ed., Harvard Univ. Press 1998)

The Buffalo Creek Disaster, Gerald M. Stern, (Random House 1977)

The Courage of Their Convictions: Sixteen Americans Who Fought Their Way to the Supreme Court, Peter H. Irons, (repr. ed., Penguin 1990)

The Life of the Law: The People and Cases that have Shaped Our Society, from King Alfred to Rodney King, Alfred H. Knight, (repr. ed., Oxford Univ. Press 1998)